

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**

MAY 6 1998

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING
CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION
DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF
CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 11971

APPLICATION OF YATES PETROLEUM
CORPORATION FOR AN UNORTHODOX WELL
LOCATION, NON-STANDARD PRORATION UNIT
AND SIMULTANEOUS DEDICATION,
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

This Prehearing Statement is submitted by Campbell, Carr, Berge & Sheridan, P.A.,
as required by the Oil Conservation Division.

APPEARANCES OF PARTIES

APPLICANT

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OPPOSITION OR OTHER PARTY

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STATEMENT OF CASE

APPLICANT

(Please make a concise statement of what is being sought with this application and the reasons therefore.)

Yates Petroleum Corporation, applicant in the above-captioned case seeks an exception to Division Rule 104.C(2) to permit it to drill its proposed Little Box Canyon AOX Federal Well No. 2 at an unorthodox location 1980 feet from the North line and 1190 feet from the West line as a second well in the W/2 of Section 7, Township 21 South, Range 22 East, and simultaneously dedicate the W/2 of said Section 7 to the Little Box Canyon AOX Federal Well Nos. 1 and 2 in the Little Box Canyon-Morrow Gas Pool. An additional well in the Morrow formation is necessary to produce the reserves under the northern portion of this spacing unit.

OPPOSITION OR OTHER PARTY

(Please make a concise statement of the basis for opposing this application or otherwise state the position of the party filing this statement.)

PROPOSED EVIDENCE

APPLICANT

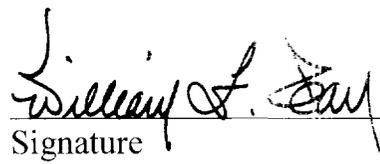
WITNESSES (Name and expertise)	EST. TIME	EXHIBITS
Doug Hurlbut, Landman	10 Min.	Approximately 2
Brent May, Geologist	20 Min.	Approximately 4
David Pearson, Engineer	10 Min.	Approximately 4

OPPOSITION

WITNESSES (Name and expertise)	EST. TIME	EXHIBITS
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PROCEDURAL MATTERS

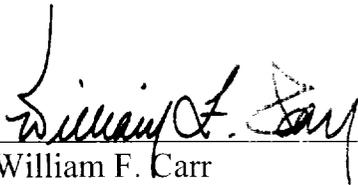
(Please identify any procedural matters which need to be resolved prior to hearing)


Signature

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that on this 16th day of May, 1998, I have caused to be mailed a copy of our Pre-Hearing Statement in the above-captioned cases to the following counsel of record:

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